Chapter 10. Crimes

IC 13-30-10-1

Criminal penalties for permit application misstatements, destroying records, and tampering with monitoring devices or data

- Sec. 1. (a) A person who knowingly or intentionally makes a material misstatement in connection with an application for a permit submitted to the department commits a Class D felony.
- (b) A person who knowingly or intentionally destroys, alters, conceals, or falsely certifies a record that:
 - (1) is required to be maintained under the terms of a permit issued by the department; and
- (2) may be used to determine the status of compliance; commits a Class D felony.
- (c) A person who knowingly or intentionally renders inaccurate or inoperative a recording device or a monitoring device required to be maintained by a permit issued by the department commits a Class D felony.
- (d) A person who knowingly or intentionally falsifies testing or monitoring data required by a permit issued by the department commits a Class D felony.

As added by P.L.137-2007, SEC.31.

IC 13-30-10-2

Criminal penalties for violating air pollution control laws

Sec. 2. (a) A person who:

- (1) knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates:
 - (A) the terms of a permit relating to air pollution control issued by the department; or
 - (B) an air pollution control law; and
- (2) discharges a contaminant into the air, if the discharge results in:
 - (A) a substantial risk of serious bodily injury;
 - (B) serious bodily injury to an individual;
 - (C) the death of a vertebrate animal; or
 - (D) damage to the environment that renders the environment unfit for human or vertebrate animal life, or causes damage to an endangered, an at risk, or a threatened species;

commits a Class D felony. However, the offense is a Class C felony if it results in the death of another person.

- (b) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that the person did not know and could not reasonably have been expected to know that the contaminant released into the air was capable of causing a result described in subsection (a)(2).
- (c) Notwithstanding IC 35-50-2-6(a), IC 35-50-2-7(a), or IC 35-50-3-2, the court may order a person convicted under this section to pay:
 - (1) a fine of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each day of violation;

(2) if the person has a prior unrelated conviction for an offense under this title that may be punished as a felony, a fine of not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for each day of violation.

In determining the amount of a fine imposed for a violation of this section, the court shall consider any improper economic benefit, including unjust enrichment, received by the defendant as a result of the unlawful conduct.

As added by P.L.137-2007, SEC.31.

IC 13-30-10-3

Criminal penalties for violating water pollution control laws

Sec. 3. (a) A person who:

- (1) knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates:
 - (A) the terms of a permit relating to water pollution control issued by the department; or
 - (B) a water pollution control law; and
- (2) discharges any substance into waters or into a public sewer, if the discharge results in:
 - (A) a substantial risk of serious bodily injury;
 - (B) serious bodily injury to an individual;
 - (C) the death of a vertebrate animal; or
 - (D) damage to the environment that renders the environment unfit for human or vertebrate animal life, or causes damage to an endangered, an at risk, or a threatened species;

commits a Class D felony. However, the offense is a Class C felony if it results in the death of another person.

- (b) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that:
 - (1) the person did not know and could not reasonably have been expected to know that the substance discharged into waters or into a public sewer was capable of causing a result described in subsection (a)(2); or
 - (2) the discharge was the result of a combined sewer overflow and the person notified the department in a timely manner.
- (c) Notwithstanding IC 35-50-2-6(a), IC 35-50-2-7(a), or IC 35-50-3-2, the court may order a person convicted under this section to pay:
 - (1) a fine of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each day of violation; or
 - (2) if the person has a prior unrelated conviction for an offense under this title that may be punished as a felony, a fine of not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for each per day of violation.

In determining the amount of a fine imposed for a violation of this section, the court shall consider any improper economic benefit, including unjust enrichment, received by the defendant as a result of the unlawful conduct.

As added by P.L.137-2007, SEC.31.

IC 13-30-10-4

Criminal penalties for violating solid and hazardous waste laws Sec. 4. (a) A person who:

- (1) knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates:
 - (A) the terms of a permit that relates to solid or hazardous waste issued by the department; or
 - (B) an Indiana statute that relates to solid waste or hazardous waste: and
- (2) discharges a contaminant into the environment, if the discharge results in:
 - (A) a substantial risk of serious bodily injury;
 - (B) serious bodily injury to an individual;
 - (C) the death of a vertebrate animal; or
 - (D) damage to the environment that renders the environment unfit for human or vertebrate animal life, or causes damage to an endangered, an at risk, or a threatened species;

commits a Class D felony. However, the offense is a Class C felony if it results in the death of another person.

- (b) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that the person did not know and could not reasonably have been expected to know that the substance discharged into the environment was capable of causing a result described in subsection (a)(2).
- (c) Notwithstanding IC 35-50-2-6(a), IC 35-50-2-7(a), or IC 35-50-3-2, the court may order a person convicted under this section to pay:
 - (1) a fine of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each day of violation; or
 - (2) if the person has a prior unrelated conviction for an offense under this title that may be punished as a felony, a fine of not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for each day of violation.

In determining the amount of a fine imposed for a violation of this section, the court shall consider any improper economic benefit, including unjust enrichment, received by the defendant as a result of the unlawful conduct.

As added by P.L.137-2007, SEC.31.

IC 13-30-10-5

Criminal penalties for violating underground storage tank laws Sec. 5. (a) A person who:

- (1) operates an underground storage tank and knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates:
 - (A) the terms of a permit issued by the department that relates to the operation of an underground storage tank; or
 - (B) an Indiana statute that relates to the operation of an underground storage tank; and
- (2) discharges a contaminant into the environment, if the discharge results in:
 - (A) a substantial risk of serious bodily injury;

- (B) serious bodily injury to an individual;
- (C) the death of a vertebrate animal; or
- (D) damage to the environment that renders the environment unfit for human or vertebrate animal life, or causes damage to an endangered, an at risk, or a threatened species;

commits a Class D felony. However, the offense is a Class C felony if it results in the death of another person.

- (b) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that the person did not know and could not reasonably have been expected to know that the substance discharged into the environment was capable of causing a result described in subsection (a)(2).
- (c) Notwithstanding IC 35-50-2-6(a), IC 35-50-2-7(a), or IC 35-50-3-2, the court may order a person convicted under this section to pay:
 - (1) a fine of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each day of violation; or
 - (2) if the person has a prior unrelated conviction for an offense under this title that may be punished as a felony, a fine of not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for each day of violation.

In determining the amount of a fine imposed for a violation of this section, the court shall consider any improper economic benefit, including unjust enrichment, received by the defendant as a result of the unlawful conduct.

As added by P.L.137-2007, SEC.31.

IC 13-30-10-6

Criminal penalties for violating state regulated wetlands laws Sec. 6. (a) A person who:

- (1) knowingly or intentionally violates:
 - (A) the terms of a permit issued under IC 13-18-22 that relates to state regulated wetlands; or
 - (B) a statute that relates to state regulated wetlands; and
- (2) causes substantial harm to a state regulated wetland; commits a Class D felony.
- (b) Notwithstanding IC 35-50-2-6(a), IC 35-50-2-7(a), or IC 35-50-3-2, the court may order a person convicted under this section to pay:
 - (1) a fine of at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for each day of violation; or
 - (2) if the person has a prior unrelated conviction for an offense under this title that may be punished as a felony, a fine of not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for each day of violation.

In determining the amount of a fine imposed for a violation of this section, the court shall consider any improper economic benefit, including unjust enrichment, received by the defendant as a result of the unlawful conduct.

As added by P.L.137-2007, SEC.31.